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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response the Amendment filed 27 June 2005. This action is non-final.
2. Claims 1-22 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Applicant's amendment to claim 19 overcomes the prior 112 rejection set forth in the prior non-final office action. Rejection has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montalbano (U.S. 5,838,775) in view of Takase et al. (U.S. 5,612,959), hereinafter referred to as Takase.

6. Regarding claims 1, 10, and 19, Montalbano discloses an information display apparatus, comprising:

a gateway system for converting protocols of an external network and a local network for information exchange between the external network and local network (col. 5, lines 42-50);

a plurality of terminals connected to the local network (col. 5, lines 50-52);

Montalbano discloses an environment comprising a method of transmitting information to a plurality of terminals in a network from a central location (e.g. server, another terminal, a database server) and having the information displayed on the user's (client's) terminal, however is silent on the step of determining whether or not the client's terminal is available on the network, or in other words, in an on-hook status. However, Takase discloses a communication network environment comprising a method of transmitting information to a plurality of terminals in a network (see Takase, Figure 7), wherein the step of checking the status of a terminal is completed (Takase, col. 7, line 57 – col. 8, line 12) before the data transmission step is performed. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention would have found it obvious to perform a status check on terminals, a step disclosed by Takase. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine this step with the communications network disclosed by Montalbano because the Takase and Montalbano are similar environments (data communications networks) wherein unnecessary transmissions of data is avoided, and the idea of avoiding an unnecessary data transmission is highly desirable for the reason that in this type of environment provides a system where network traffic is not unnecessarily increased, but on the other hand is effectively decreased, a feature that anyone of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate (see Takase, col. 7, line 57 – col. 8, line 12).

7. Regarding claims 2 and 11, in accordance with claims 1 and 10, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein the plurality of terminals are PC phones

and Internet phones using Internet protocols for data communication (col. 2, line 66 – col. 3, line 14).

8. Regarding claims 3 and 12, in accordance with claims 1 and 10, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein each terminal includes a memory means for storing information transmitted from the information server, and a control means for controlling the storing of the transmitted information in the memory means of the terminal (col. 4, lines 23-32).

9. Regarding claims 4 and 13, in accordance with claims 3 and 12, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein the control means of the terminal judges a call status of the terminal itself (col. 4, lines 50-57).

10. Regarding claims 5 and 14, in accordance with claims 4 and 13, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein the possible call status of the terminal is one of an on-hook status or an off-hook status (col. 4, lines 50-57).

11. Regarding claims 6 and 15, in accordance with claims 3 and 10, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein the terminal includes a display means for displaying information stored in the memory means of the terminal (col. 3, lines 15-17 and col. 2, lines 11-19).

12. Regarding claims 7 and 16, in accordance with claims 1 and 10, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein the information server includes a memory means for storing information transmitted from the external network, and a control means for judging the respective call status of each of the plurality of terminals (col. 2, lines 15-19 and col. 4, lines 50-57).

13. Regarding claims 8 and 17, in accordance with claims 7 and 16, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein the control means of the information server transmits the information stored in the memory means thereof to each terminal in an on-hook status (col. 4, lines 8-13 and col. 4, lines 50-57).

14. Regarding claims 9 and 18, in accordance with claims 7 and 16, respectively, Montalbano discloses the apparatus wherein the control means of the information server updates contents of the memory means of the information server when new information is received thereby (col. 2, lines 11-19).

15. Regarding claim 20, in accordance with claim 19, Montalbano discloses the method wherein in the transmitting step the stored information is transmitted to the plurality of terminals based on judging a call status of only a pre-selected one of the plurality of terminals (col. 2, lines 33-40).

16. Regarding claim 21, in accordance with claim 19, Montalbano discloses the method wherein the controlling step comprises the sub-steps of:

storing the received information at each terminal (col. 2, lines 15-19);
judging the call status of each terminal storing the information (col. 4, lines 50-57); and

displaying the stored information on each terminal during an on-hook status thereof (col. 4, lines 8-13 and col. 4, lines 50-57).

17. Regarding claim 22, in accordance with claim 21, Montalbano discloses the method wherein the judging step further comprises: ceasing the display of the stored information on the terminal when the terminal assumes an off-hook status, and again

displaying the stored information when the terminal next assumes an on-hook status (col. 4, lines 50-57).

Response to Arguments

18. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

19. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kosaka (U.S. 6,119,142) disclose a data communication apparatus for managing information indicating that data has reached its destination.

Yoshihara et al. (U.S. 6,643,291) disclose a multimedia information communication system.

Del Sordo et al. (U.S. 6,718,374) disclose a method and system for identifying and downloading appropriate software or firmware specific to a particular model of set-top box in a cable television system.

Comerford (U.S. 5,481,596) discloses auxiliary baseband telephone interface for an answering machine.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin A. Ailes whose telephone number is (571)272-3899. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5, First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571)272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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